

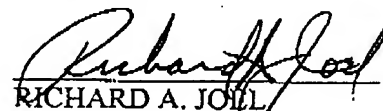
**REMARKS**

This is in reply to the Office Action of September 24, 2004 which comprised an election/restriction requirement. Accordingly, applicants elects Species II (namely figures 5-8) and Species V (namely figures 7a-7e) which are respectively drawn to a Pointe shoe and lock axis joint for the purposes of examination at this time.

**SUMMARY**

Examination of the elected species is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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